

August 1, 2012

Charles Gebien  
Chief Emergency Response Section 4  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
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Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Kokomo Dump  
Kokomo, Indiana  
Howard County

Dear Mr. Gebien:

I am requesting the Region 5 Offices of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) assign an On-Scene Coordinator and consider conducting a time-critical removal action at the Kokomo Dump located in Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana.

The site is currently the Yard Waste Recycling Center for the City of Kokomo. Until the 1970's, the City operated the Site as a dump, and used a large incinerator on-Site. The creek bordering the property drains into Wildcat Creek, which is located a few hundred feet from the site.

During an oil spill at Haynes International in Kokomo, Indiana, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) discovered drums exposed in a creek bank on a neighboring property. The drums were in poor condition with some leaking contents onto the creek banks.

On August 19, 2011, EPA conducted a site assessment at the property. EPA and the Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) collected samples from drums, surface and subsurface soil. START and IDEM field screened samples with a x-ray fluorescence (XRF) and photo-ionization (PID) detectors. XRF results indicated high levels of metals in drums and soil. Laboratory analytical results showed lead, arsenic, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) above Regional Screening Levels (RSL).

Please have your On-Scene Coordinator contact me at the above number as soon as possible to discuss additional site information. IDEM has compiled other information which includes an inspection report with photographs, additional laboratory data, and property ownership information.

As always, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management will provide any assistance to U.S. EPA regarding this matter. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from U.S. EPA for this and future removal activities.

Sincerely,

Mark Jaworski  
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Office Of Land Quality